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- 2. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 4-9 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- 3. U.S. Patent No. 5,100,632 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 7-106290 and U.S. Patent No. 4,902,487 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 3012249.

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